



**Because of delay, deficiency**

**Korean contract withdrawn**

TAIF, Sept. 20 — The Agriculture and Water Ministry canceled a contract that was awarded in November, 1980, for the implementation of the first part of Jeddah's sixth phase water project.

Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh revealed Sunday that the contract was withdrawn from the South Korea's Jong Development Company Ltd., to safeguard the interests of citizens and the country. The Korean company's delays and deficiency in executing the project have been proven to the ministry, despite repeated warnings to speed up the work, Al-Sheikh said.

The company did not show much seriousness in carrying out the project that resulted in great delays in the work schedule agreed upon by the contract, which involves a vital project that affects the lives of citizens, the minister said. The

ministry had invited bids for qualified contractors to construct the project at the Korean company's expense to ensure rapid completion, he added.

The trend for withdrawing contracts from unreliable companies is a move to preserve public interests and give government contracts the firmness, seriousness and respect they deserve according to the instructions of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, Al-Sheikh said.

He added that the contract, withdrawn from the Korean company, called for construction of an integrated drinking water network for several Jeddah districts. They included a district west of Prince Fahd street, northern Salamah district, a district east of Medina Road, another north of the sports stadium, the airman's township and parts of Petromin and Bawadi districts.

In a separate development, work on the first phase of the Kharij irrigation canal project was completed recently, according to officials Sunday. The project carried out by the Ahsa Irrigation and Drainage Project Commission cost SR15 million. The first phase provided for transforming 16 kilometers of the irrigation canal from a dirt canal to a concrete canal. It will preserve the water resources according to modern irrigation methods.

The commission, within its task of supervising the Kharij agricultural project, is carrying out several agricultural and animal production projects in the area. Among these projects is the fencing of cattle yards in the town, which costs SR5 million. The commission also is in charge of an operation for purchasing 340 heads of cattle from abroad at a cost of SR5.1 million.

**Business computer use to mushroom**

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 — The past year has seen a substantial increase in computer use by local businesses, but the coming years will bring a mushrooming of such companies as a result of more advanced and less expensive computer technology, according to a businessman here.

Adel I. Malaika, managing director of the National Computer Service Center here, said companies are making better use of computers and that the industry's growth will parallel that of construction companies during the second five-year development plan.

However, the boom will cause many companies not qualified for dealing with computers to enter the market and could cause problems for legitimate computer firms, Malaika said. "I foresee that in the next few years marginal companies will be eliminated by market forces. The strong and efficient companies will remain," he added.



**COMPUTERS:** Due to high technology computers have decreased in cost and have provided businesses with a wide variety of equipment.

enough to have any Saudi Arabian representative for a company, wholly-owned Saudi companies must be encouraged with contracts," he added.

The one factor that prompted Malaika to begin his five-year-old business, is that many companies will buy a computer, but once they have it, they have no idea what to do with it. The NCSC offers several services that fill the needs of businessmen who want to make use of computer technology.

In its service bureau, NCSC operates an IBM "mainframe" computer with a variety of peripheral devices for the processing of data. The computing facility is operated for customers who do not wish to install computers in their own offices and who do not wish to acquire the technical staff needed. Software is provided for processing payroll, personnel records, general accounts, and other services.

The company also has a staff of programmers and analysts who carry out computer programming projects for customers who have computer equipment, but insufficient staff to accomplish all needed tasks. Under the turn-key approach, the company has provided systems tailored to a user's needs.

One important aspect of the business however is its consulting services. According to Malaika, a user may not have defined accurately his requirements. NCSC would study the plan organization and submit a plan for using the computer technology. It already has participated in projects for Yanbu's master information plan and was called upon to carry out an extensive consultancy to define and coordinate the development strategies for the evolution of information systems for the Governorate of Asir Province.

The role of the computer in Saudi Arabia is evident in alleviating the need for technically-trained people. "The computer doesn't replace skilled people, but can do the monotonous work and relieve the worker to concentrate more on understanding the information the computer produces," Malaika said.

**FROM THE GULF**

ABU DHABI, Sept. 20 (WAM) — President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Sunday received a written message from Somali President Muhammad Stad Barre dealing with means of promoting bilateral cooperation and the current Arab situation.

ABU DHABI, Sept. 20 (WAM) — Sheikh Zayed will receive here Queen Elizabeth II of Britain next Friday. The Queen will make a brief stop-over at Abu Dhabi international.

ABU DHABI, Sept. 20 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamdan bin Muhammad, deputy prime minister, Sunday received Michel Geunens, the outgoing Belgian ambassador, who bade him farewell at the end of his term of office in the UAE.

ABU DHABI, Sept. 20 (WAM) — Sheikh Zayed received Mohsen Friti, Tunisian ambassador here, and discuss with him bilateral relations and means of promoting them in addition to the current Arab situation.

DUABI, Sept. 20 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, minister of finance and industry, Sunday received Shujaat Khan, Pakistani council general in Dubai.

ABU DHABI, Sept. 20 (WAM) — Sheikh Hamdan Bin Muhammad Sunday received Ribhi Awad, representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the UAE. Awad said after the meeting that he briefed Sheikh Hamdan on the latest developments on both Arab and Palestinian levels.

**\$18.24m loans granted by IDB**

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank granted Sunday ID 15.18 million (\$18 million) loan to Algeria to finance the import of industrial goods. This brings the total loans given to Algeria by the IDB to \$63 million.

The loan agreement was signed at the IDB headquarters here by the bank's President Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali and, on behalf of Algeria, Mustapha Abdul Wahab, financial director of the Algerian iron and steel company, and Ismail Muhammad, vice-director of the Algerian foreign bank.

The IDB also signed an agreement to participate in the capital of a Bangladeshi leather company with ID244,000 (\$317,000). This loan is part of the overall financial endorsement presented by the Jeddah-based IDB to the Bank of Bangladesh which amounts to \$6.05 million to participate in financing medium and small development projects.

The agreement brings the total loans granted to Bangladesh to \$45.5 million.

**China team holds talks**

DAMMAM, Sept. 20 (SPA) — Hamdan Al-Suraihi, chairman of the Eastern Province chamber of commerce and industry, met the visiting trade delegation from the Republic of China Saturday.

**IBM on the go**

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 — IBM first entered the Kingdom in 1947, teamed up with the Juffali company and now has a strong hold on the computer market. Juffali recently formed the Saudi Business Machines to service IBM equipment, provide systems engineering and adapt systems to customers needs.

The company has seconded a number of people from other countries to get the organization rolling. According to Rupert Deighton, communications manager, since high technology skills don't grow overnight, the company is recruiting local people such as university graduates to form the backbone of the SBM team.

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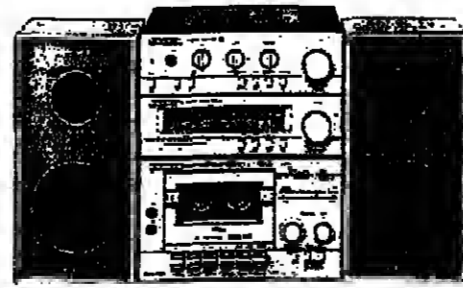
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To help Muslims, confront enemies

# King cables support for MWL

By a Staff Writer

MAKKAH, Sept. 20 — King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd sent cables to the Constituent Council of the Muslim World League meeting here expressing the Kingdom's unwavering support for Islamic issues and its readiness to confront the Zionist and Communist dangers.

The leaders hoped that God will bless the Islamic and Arab states and protect them from their enemies. The cables were received Saturday evening by Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Baz, who is leading the deliberations of the council.

The council continued Sunday to review the studies and recommendations of the committees which included cultural and judicial matters of which 21 were unanimously approved.

During its Saturday evening session the political committee discussed the plight of Muslims in Ethiopia and issued several recommendations including offering assistance to the Muslims through the embassies of Islamic states accredited to Addis Ababa including scholarships to Ethiopian Muslim students.

Assistant Secretary General Safwat Al Saqqa said the committee urged Iraq and Iran to stop the war now raging between them

because such internecine fighting weakened both countries and benefitted the common enemy.

The political committee is one of five formed by the council to review various matters of Islamic interest. The others are administrative, financial, general and cultural.

Saqqa said the political committee reviewed a report about the conditions of Muslims in China's Eastern Turkestan and sent a cable to King Khaled thanking him for his support of the Muslim issue there.

"The committee has agreed," he said, "to raise the issue of Muslims in Turkestan with the Organization of Islamic Conference for adopting their cause as one of the most important and fundamental goals facing the organization."

The committee also decided to urge Islamic states and international organizations to mount fresh efforts to convince the Chinese government to concede more liberties to its Muslims. The committee members also exchanged views on the Western Somali situation where the people are fighting for their independence from Ethiopia, which has been occupying their country since the last century. They also discussed the harsh conditions in which Muslims in Uganda live under the new regime.

Meanwhile, the members of the cultural and judicial committees deliberated in aid to Islamic institutions and the anti-Islamic campaigns in the Western media.

Earlier, the Secretary General of the Muslim World League Sheikh Muhammad Ali Hasan said Saturday that any alliance between the Zionist enemy and any other country of the West or East would be a blow to human values.

Harakan said that Israel continued to destroy mosques, kill innocent people and violate international norms and laws. Its attacks on the Aqsa mosque, the mosque of Abraham in Al Khalil (Hebron) and its raids on homes and villages of innocent people in South Lebanon are glaring proofs of Israel's commitment to terror and violence. "Therefore," he declared, "the recent alliance between the United States and Israel is a staggering blow to good international relations and will tend to encourage the formation of counter alliances detrimental to the interest of international peace and security," he said.

Harakan added: "I urge the United States to reconsider the forging of such an alliance which, in fact, will sway it away from its universal message contained in the declaration of independence, freedom, equality and justice. On behalf of our Muslim brothers, I denounce this intervention in our Islamic region."



CHINA VISIT: Premier Sun Yun-sen (right) extends a welcome to visiting Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Salem, secretary general of the Saudi Arabian National Security Council, at the premier's office. At center is Wang Kung-shu, director of the Chinese National Security Bureau. The Saudi Arabian dignitary arrived in Taipei Sept. 13 for a seven-day visit in the company of Saad Abdul Aziz Al Othman, assistant secretary general for security affairs.

# Dallah joins in seminar on manpower

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 — Two Dallah Avco executives join an international panel of human resources experts in southern France this week for a three-day seminar focusing on manpower in Saudi Arabia.

Director of Training L. O. Knight and Manager of Personnel Affairs Ibrahim Fadl Nasir will offer their insight on staff requirements and training to businessmen attending meetings organized by Business International. The seminar runs from Sept. 23 through 25.

According to a seminar brochure, "the seminar will be devoted entirely to the subject of manpower development for Saudi Arabia from the perspective of what several leading companies are doing to meet the demands of the current situation." Resolving the "important and practical" problems of recruiting and training personnel is the keystone of the seminar.

The seminar comes at a time when the Kingdom's Third Five-Year Development Plan has listed \$44 billion for developing human resources, with a goal of Saudizing workforces in a variety of businesses and industries. While the plan's commitment is what Business International terms "welcome news for all companies in search of manpower in Saudi Arabia," labor needs in management slots as well as other areas are immediate.

Dallah Avco has been providing for the past three years training courses in a wide range of areas, including management and basic supervision. The company has sponsored several management seminars led by U.S. businessmen and educators for all levels of Dallah Avco employees, inviting participants from other companies and the public sector too.

Business International noted that companies which have made such a heavy commitment to training consequently are benefiting: "Part of the reason for their success is that they recognized early on that substantial investment in training and developing staff would be a vital factor in ensuring ongoing, profitable operations in this market (Saudi Arabia)."

## For Ummul Qura University English language center approved

MAKKAH, Sept. 20 (SPA) — Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan Abdullah Al-Sheikh, chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities, approved Sunday the establishment of an English language center related to Ummul Qura University's College of Education.

The university's undersecretary, Dr. Rashid Al-Rajeh, said the decision to set up the center was taken during the eighth session of the university board. A comprehensive report on the objectives of the center is under preparation in coordination with other departments of the university, Rajeh said. The report will be submitted to the university's senate for approval. Meanwhile, Rajeh issued a decision

Sunday for setting up a committee from members of the university's staff to draw up the internal rules. The committee will operate under the directives of the university's policy as stated by a royal decree issued recently.

Ummul Qura university was an affiliate college of Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University until last year. A royal decree was issued to approve its formation to meet the need for a university in the holy city.

The undersecretary's decision called on the committee to draw academic, administrative and financial regulations and submit their conclusions to the senate for approval.

# Pilgrim missions receive instructions

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 (SPA) — The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments issues a series of instructions to be followed by pilgrims and national pilgrim missions in order to organize the performance of the pilgrimage this year.

The instructions covered the work of the still experimental institutions in general and that of pilgrims from Europe and the United States. They include:

— Pilgrims from Europe and the United States must stay in the accommodation provided by the institution set up for them and pay the fees that they usually pay when staying at pilgrims housing estates every year.

— The fees must be paid upon entering the

Kingdom whether by air, sea or land.

— Any pilgrims' guide accommodating any from the above category will have to refund the fees to the institution.

— Any guide receiving any of these pilgrims will have to be responsible for the fees to the ministry, which will deduct them from his funds at the ministry.

— The institution reserves the right to assign a representative in Makkah reception offices to accompany the pilgrims to its offices.

— The institution will have to provide adequate accommodation and at the usual rates during this season, similar to that provided by other guides.

The ministry also pointed out that pilgrims' missions should cooperate in order to achieve the best possible results.

It added that Islamic and Arab embassies should send as soon as possible the names of the missions in through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Each mission should have a well-known address in Makkah and Medina; while in Jeddah they should have offices in the international airport by agreement with the Presidency of Civil Aviation on payment of the usual fees. Their addresses in Mina and Arafat should also be sent to the ministry in advance and in exact terms.

The missions are to observe the rules and inform their members about them and those dealing with the mission's relations and with the government departments. The ministry will issue courtesy cards in all members of the missions upon arrival in the Kingdom. The report also said the ministry and the mission will cooperate in the following matters: coordinating with the guides regarding the movement of the pilgrims according to the time schedule in cooperation with the ministry's departments in Jeddah, Makkah and Medina; The missions should send representatives to the ministry's assembly points in Makkah and Medina; Discussing cooperation with regard to pilgrims' complaints, lost pilgrims, lost property and similar matters.

According to instructions, a few mission members must remain in Makkah, Medina and Jeddah until the departure of the final group of pilgrims helooping to them. In the event of any differences between the missions and the guides about the pilgrims, the parties must refer to the ministry's departments in Jeddah, Medina, Makkah and Yambu. And in the event of a previously signed agreement for coordination between the minister and the minister in charge of pilgrimage in another country, that agreement will be binding on the parties concerned, the report concluded.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed, also chairman of the central pilgrimage committee, will make an inspection tour of the holy places Tuesday to check preparations.

MAKKAH, (SPA) — Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh toured the holy places Sunday to inspect preparations for the pilgrimage.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Foreign Ministry hosted a farewell party for outgoing Jordanian Ambassador Tharwat Al-Talhoumi, on the occasion of the end of his term in office here. The party was attended by Foreign Ministry Protocol Chief Salem Sumbul and members of the diplomatic corps and officials.

## Natural milk urged

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazaeri has urged the public and the media against propagating the dubious benefits of artificial feeding of infants at the expense of mothers' milk.

In a statement to the press he said that the media should not publish or advertise artificial alternatives to mothers' milk which has been proven to be a healthier source of energy to the newly born.

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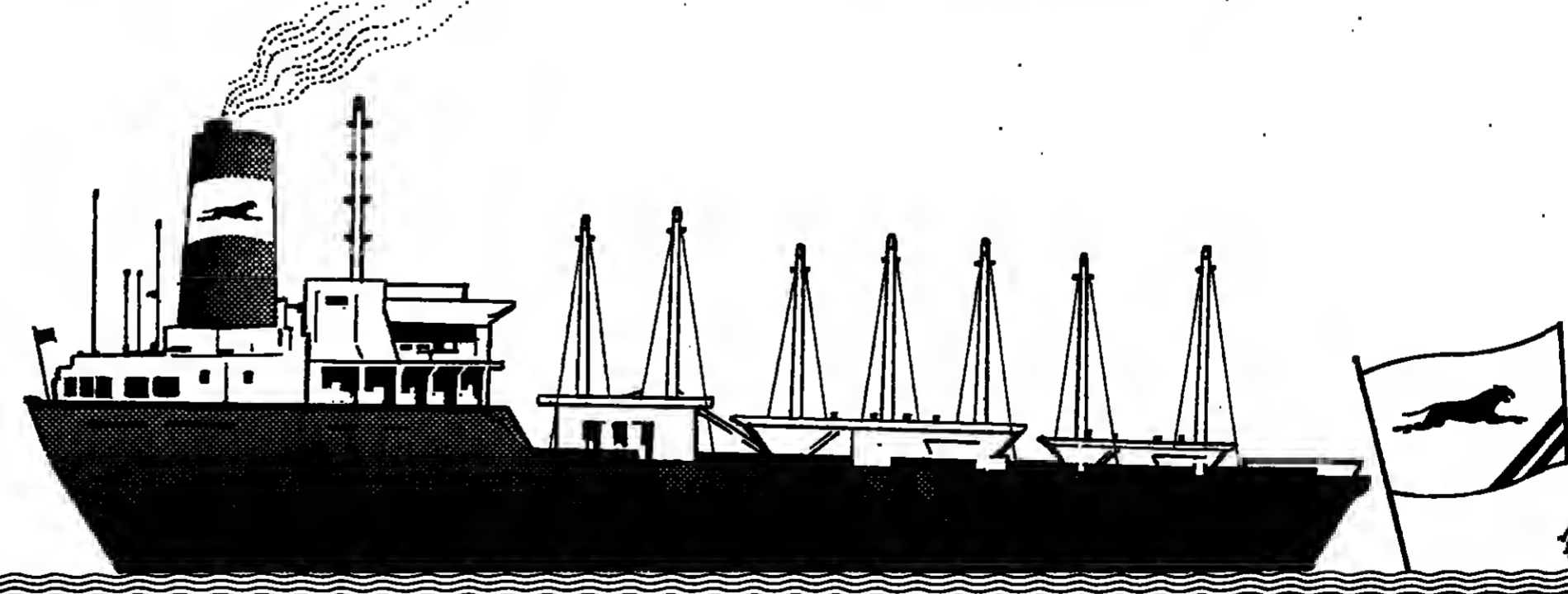
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## Iran executes 182 in two days

TEHRAN, Sept. 20 (Agencies) — At least 182 suspected dissidents have been executed in Iran Friday and Saturday, two of the bloodiest days in the Iranian revolution, according to various reports Sunday.

The new killings brought the death figure to more than 1,100 since former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr was ousted from office June 20. Summary executions appeared certain to increase, as Tehran revolutionary court Judge Ayatollah Muhammad Gulani recommended Sunday that rebels wounded in street demonstrations be "finished off" and those who participate "be executed on the spot, against a wall," *The Islamic Republic* newspaper reported.

Eighty-one persons died in executions Friday at Tehran's Evin Prison. *The Keyhan* newspaper said Sunday. Seventy-eight of these were said to be members of the People's Mujahadeen, two others were members of

## Kuwait cabinet briefed on ruler's tour

KUWAIT, Sept. 20 (AP) — Turkey and four East European countries are convinced that the Palestine Liberation Organization must play a major role in any Middle East peace talks, the ruler of Kuwait was quoted Sunday as saying.

Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah made this statement to the cabinet of ministers at a special session during which he reviewed the results of his 12-day tour of Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Yugoslavia. The tour ended Saturday. Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Abdul-Aziz Hussein quoted the ruler as saying that the leaders of the five countries voiced support to the Arab countries in their quest for a comprehensive, peaceful settlement to the Middle East crisis.

These leaders, said Hussein, told the ruler they support the setting up of an independent Palestinian state and the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab lands occupied in 1967. They also called for returning the Arab sector of Jerusalem to the Palestinians as a prerequisite for a just and durable peace in the region.

another leftist group, the minority Fedayeen, and one was accused of giving medical aid to Kurdish separatists. Thirty-one of them were charged with participating in armed demonstrations, and the rest were accused of offenses ranging from car theft to spying for the Mujahadeen.

The Saturday executions totaled 101, including 84 suspected People's Mujahadeen at Tehran's Evin Prison. Eighteen drug dealers were also executed Saturday, sources said.

Ayatollah Gulani's advocacy of summary judgments for people involved in demonstrations seemed bound to increase the number of executions, observers said.

"Islam allows that all those who participate in armed demonstrations in the streets be executed on the spot, against a wall," Ayatollah Gulani said. "There is no need to take them to court, since they are at war with God." But, he added "as the Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini) wishes it, we must hand them over to court."

"No repentance is accepted after their arrests for the persons taken during armed demonstrations," he said. "The punishment will be that determined by the Qur'an dear by the worst means: by hanging by amputation of the right arm and the left leg." The Ayatollah did not say whether this type of punishment had been used, or would be in the future.

Meanwhile, Tehran revolutionary pro-

secutor Assadollah Lajevardi told *Islamic Republic* that "we will firmly resist the counter-revolutionary movements and will not allow a certain number of manipulated people to shake the bases of the republic." He added that the government would not "feel in any way obliged to make public" the names of arrested dissidents.

"Never have the anti-popular fascists committed so many crimes. Where are these human rights, these partisans of freedom? Why do they protest against us, who have the duty to protect the people," he said.

Meanwhile, in Kuala Lumpur, Iran's Parliament Speaker Hojatolislam Hashemi Rafsanjani said Sunday Iran will not attend the nonaligned meeting in Baghdad next year because of the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Rafsanjani, who led a 30-member delegation to Malaysia, told a press conference that Iran would be grateful to Malaysia and other Islamic countries if they would speak for Iranian interests at the meeting. Rafsanjani said Iran wanted an international Islamic court to settle Iran's conflict with Iraq.

He also said Iran hopes to finalize the establishment of its diplomatic mission here and start mutual economic and cultural activities with Malaysia in a month's time.

Iran felt that it should get commodities such as rubber and tin direct from Malaysia and no longer through intermediaries, and could also rely on Malaysia for timber and chemical fertilizers.

### West Bank growth hit

## Israel halts funds for Palestinians

TEL AVIV, Sept. 20 (R) — Palestinian West Bank mayors said Sunday they had stopped all development projects because their coffers were empty following an Israeli ban on funds from the Arab world.

The mayors told reporters the Israeli military authorities had prevented them from attending a current meeting in Amman of a joint committee of Jordanian government and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to provide funds for the West Bank aimed at lessening the area's dependence on the Zionist State. The committee was set up following the Camp

David agreements of 1979 which called for establishment of Palestinian self-rule in the occupied territories.

The mayors said that following an Israeli ban on meeting PLO officials and receiving any funds from abroad, they could not pay salaries and that all development projects had been frozen. The mayors also published a statement denouncing Israel for setting up local West Bank village associations in an alleged bid to circumvent the opposition of elected Arab municipal officials to the plan for Palestinian autonomy under the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreements.

## Sadat cabinet reshuffle plan reported

CAIRO, Sept. 20 (AFP) — A limited cabinet shuffle will take place within the next two days in Egypt, the *Al-Ahram* newspaper reported Sunday. The changes will affect three portfolios, the magazine *October* reported, without saying which ministers would be involved. The report followed a crackdown which began at the beginning of this month, and which has led to the imprisonment of about 1,500 religious leaders and opponents of the regime of President Anwar Sadat.

## Gulf News Agency to expand services

BAHRAIN, Sept. 20 (R) — The Gulf News Agency, owned by six Gulf states, will expand its services to most other Arab, Asian and European capitals via satellite later this year, Information Minister Tariq Almoayed said Sunday. A recent Arab information ministers conference decided to distribute news from the Tunis-based Arab League through the agency. The governments of Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Iraq own the Bahrain-based agency, launched in 1978.

## Envoys to Damascus present credentials

DAMASCUS, Sept. 20 (AP) — Ali Akbar Murtashimi Boreh, Iran's newly-appointed ambassador to Syria, Sunday presented his credentials to Syrian President Hafez Assad during an official ceremony in which three other ambassadors were accredited, officials said.

Italian Ambassador Aldo Pugliese, Australian Ambassador David Wilson and Abdullah Barakat of North Yemen, also presented their credentials.

## BRIEFS

TUNIS, (AFP) — European Economic Community (EEC) development commissioner Edgar Pisani conferred here Saturday with Tunisian Foreign Minister Beji Caïd Essebsi on relations between Tunisia and the EEC.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — The government said it has decided to suspend the bi-weekly air service to Kabul beginning Sunday in retaliation for Afghanistan's refusal to extradite hijackers of a Pakistani airliner.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli Finance Minister Yoram Aridor left Sunday for talks in Washington over the amount of annual U.S. economic aid to Israel. The Israelis have requested about \$3 billion.

## Boucetta says Morocco won't allow U.S. bases

ABU DHABI, Sept. 20 (AFP) — Morocco has no intention of allowing the United States to set up military bases on its soil, according to Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta in an interview published Saturday in the daily *Al-Khaleej* of Sharjah, one of the United Arab Emirates.

The minister said Morocco was trying to improve its relations with Algeria and Mauritania in the wake of the recent Organization of African Unity Summit resolution calling for a self-determination referendum in Western Sahara.

## Morocco rebels trial resumes today

RABAT, Sept. 20 (AFP) — The trial of the first secretary of Morocco's opposition Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP), Abdurrahim Bouabid, and four other members of the party's political bureau resumes Monday after an adjournment of ten days. Bouabid, Casablanca MP Muhammad Mansur, Kenitra MP and newspaper editor Muhammad Yazghi, university teacher Muhammad Lahbabi and writer Muhammad

Forhani are being prosecuted. If found guilty, they face up to two years of prison under a public order law dating from 1935 when Morocco was under French rule.

A demand from the French Socialist Party for their release and a statement from French National Assembly party leader Pierre Joxe hinting that "normal relations" between France and Morocco would depend on the case have caused anger here.

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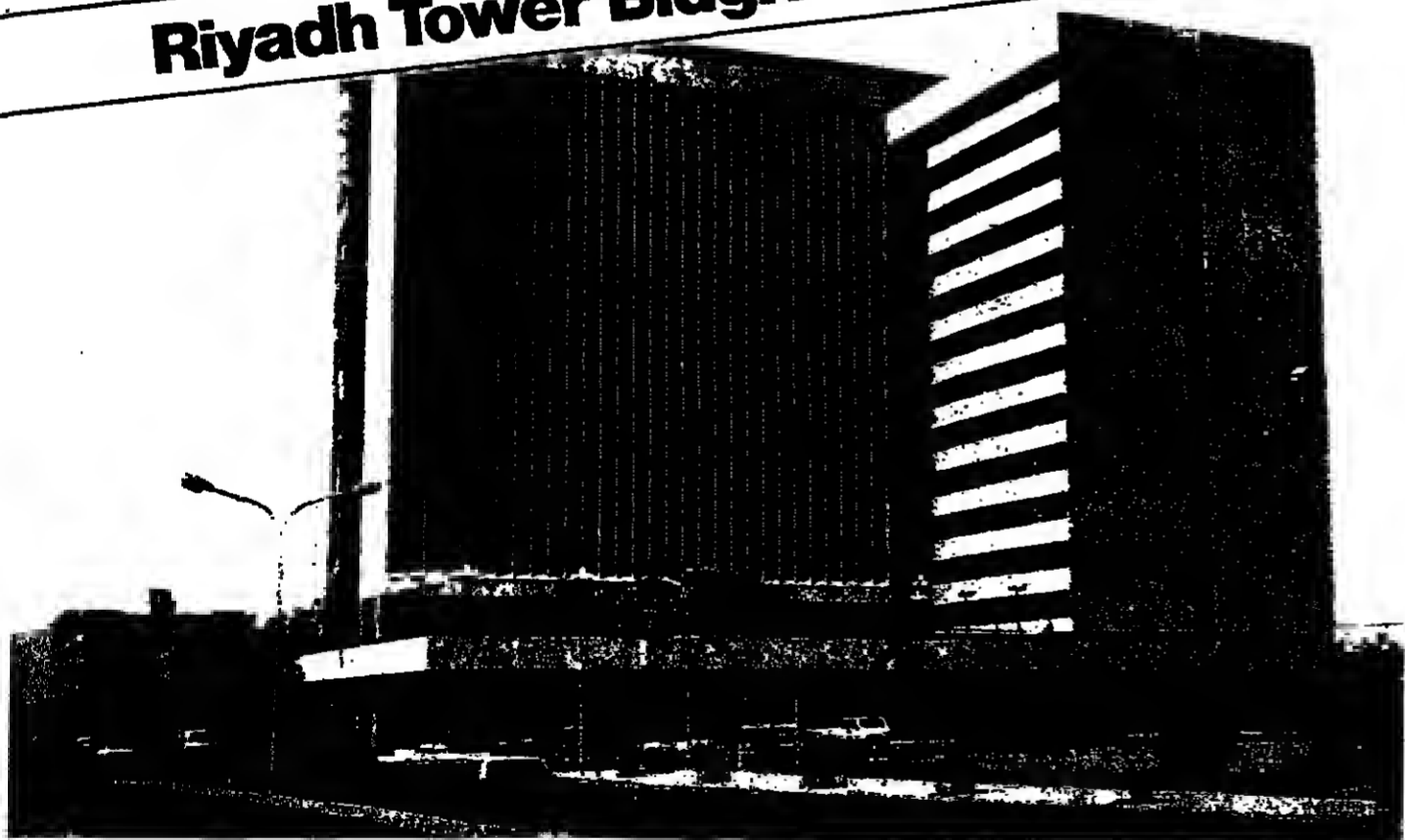
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**Military implications**

**China fires satellites into orbit**

PEKING, Sept. 20 (AP) — China successfully launched three scientific research earth satellites with a single carrier rocket Sunday, the official Xinhua news agency reported. China previously had launched eight satellites since 1970, but Sunday was the first time it placed three into orbit with a single launcher.

Foreign science observers said it could be the first time any nation has catapulted three satellites into space with a single carrier and called it a significant achievement.

Xinhua said the three satellites were fired accurately into orbit and all systems were

functioning normally. Instruments aboard were sending back scientific data, it said. The brief official report did not give further information.

Foreign science observers said the multi-satellite launch could have implications for firing multiwarhead missiles. They noted the launch took place shortly before the Oct. 1 national day, a time when China traditionally likes to show off its scientific, military and economic achievements.

They suggested the military implications were clear but said China aims to demonstrate its peaceful intentions by launching research satellites. The launch came as a surprise, observers said, because China has said its domestic economic problems would delay

its space program. Scientists have said China has no plans at present to put a man into space.

China launched its first earth satellite on April 24, 1970. It weighed 380 pounds (171 kg) and made one complete revolution around the earth in 114 minutes. Its eighth satellite, launched on Jan. 26, 1978, carried out scientific experiments and successfully returned to earth.

Little is known about China's space, guided missile or nuclear weapons programs. In May 1980 China launched an unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile 10,000 kms into the south Pacific from a launching site in the Gobi desert. China also conducted a nuclear test in the atmosphere in October 1980.

**Reagan's anti-Soviet stand harmful, ex-secretary says**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (R) — Former United States Defense Secretary Harold Brown has accused the White House of simplistic anti-Soviet policies and inept economic calculations.

In his first public comments Saturday on the Reagan administration since he left office last January, Brown praised the new administration's emphasis on greater military might and on stronger economy as a major factor in U.S. security.

But he attacked what he termed "a simplistic view of all world problems as Soviet-inspired." This view was at the expense of human rights, arms control, and ties with allies and the Third World, he told reporters. "Assertions that unrest in Central America, the Middle East and Africa was caused solely by Soviet adventurism" tend to erode pride at home and respect abroad for our assertive foreign policy," Brown said. He said "inept" economic calculations by the

Reagan administration, including its hefty income tax cuts, meant Reagan's military spending plans would almost certainly be pared down.

Brown criticized the president's proposal to cut \$2 billion from the Pentagon budget for next year. "Once a bite is taken out of the fish, the sharks start to gather and go into a feeding frenzy," he added.

He said he feared even deeper cuts by Congress, leaving outlays below the Carter administration's recommendation for next year. The former defense secretary also criticized "administration decisions on strategic arms control, deployment of the MX missile, a new manned bomber program and increased naval shipbuilding."

The proposed big naval buildup did not take into account the shortage of sailors for existing ships or the vulnerability to Soviet cruise missiles of big surface vessels such as nuclear aircraft carriers, he said.

**New Caledonian leader shot dead**

NOUMEA, New Caledonia, Sept. 20 (AFP) — Political leaders here and in France expressed shock and anger Sunday at the assassination of the leader of independence's movement, Pierre Declercq, Saturday night at his home outside of the capital of this south Pacific colony. Territorial Assembly leader Jean-Pierre Aifa, terming Declercq a "political adversary, not an enemy," called on New Caledonians to remain calm and refrain from any violent reactions.

In Paris, meanwhile, Lionel Jospin, general secretary of the ruling Socialist Party, called the act a "provocative crime," while the state secretary for French overseas territories and departments, Henri Emmanuelli, said he was shocked and outraged.

Declercq was working at his home Saturday night in Mont Dore, a Noumea suburb, when he was hit by several bullets fired from outside his study window, police said. Police found footprints outside the window, but said they had no other clues. They were speculating Sunday that the political leader, who preached independence for this colony about 1,500 kms off Australia's eastern coast, had

been the victim of a political assassination.

The killing caused a wave of other reactions. Francois Burck, a member of Declercq's own Caledonian Union Party, said "the Union denounces the odious character of this assassination. We must keep cool heads against violence before undertaking any action." Speaking for the local majority coalition, local government council vice chairman Dirk Ukeiwe said the murder "runs against the conscience of all Christians."

It also ended New Caledonia's 15th annual bicycle race, when two barriers prevented competitors from reaching the finish at Noumea. Declercq, 43, was a native of Halluin, northern France. He came to New Caledonia in 1964, and taught in schools. He left teaching for a job as chemist in a Noumea hospital in 1971.

He was elected to the territorial parliament in 1977, the same year he accepted a post as general secretary of the Caledonian Union. Observers noted that Declercq had become increasingly reserved over the past few months, refusing to make any politically-oriented statements.

**100 gold ingots recovered from sunken warship**

LONDON, Sept. 20 (Agencies) — British divers have recovered at least 100 gold ingots worth close to \$20 million from the wreck of the warship *Edinburgh* at the bottom of the Barents Sea, a Department of Trade spokesman said here Saturday night.

The team of 23 divers, working in icy murky waters, hoped to bring up three times that much gold from the sunken cruiser by the end of the month. The *Edinburgh*, which sailed out of the Soviet port of Murmansk in 1942 with 400 bars of Czarist-stamped gold to pay for World War II supplies shipped by the United States and Britain, was torpedoed by German submarines. The British crew scuttled the battle cruiser to keep the gold from falling into Nazi hands.

The British salvage team is to receive a fee of some \$40 million — which will be subject to heavy taxes. The rest of the proceeds from the precious metal — which is now priced at 15 times the 1942 quote — will be divided two-to-one between the Soviet Union and Britain, American claims having already been settled by insurance.

According to official records, the *Edinburgh's* cargo contains 4.72 metric tons of gold, now worth more than 40.5 million pounds (\$74.6 million). Both the Soviet Union and Britain have observers at the site, according to the spokesman.

The 10,000-ton *Edinburgh* was the command ship of a 13-vessel allied convoy torpedoed by German destroyers.

This year Britain lifted ban on salvage at the site despite an outcry from survivors of the *Edinburgh*.

**Planned trip off**

**Esquivel's passport withheld**

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Sept. 20 (AP) — Argentina's federal police refused to give Adolfo Perez Esquivel back his passport, preventing the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize laureate from traveling to Mexico Sunday as he had planned, according to Perez Esquivel's Service for Peace and Justice.

A communique issued Saturday night by the human rights organization said the 49-year-old activist had taken his passport to be renewed Sept. 8, when he was informed it would be ready in six days. The communique said when the laureate went back Friday to pick it up, he was told his fingerprints had been lost and that he must have them taken again, but that the procedure would not prevent him from retrieving the document Friday evening. When he went back later at the appointed hour, the communique said, he was told the passport had been handed over

to the Superintendency of Federal Security, and it would be ready in a week.

"All attempts to speak with someone who would take responsibility for the matter were fruitless," the communique said. It recalled that when Perez Esquivel went to renew his passport in 1977, he was detained and held without charge for 14 months. Argentina's military government contended his work unwittingly aided leftist subversives battling government forces for power.

The communique ended: "We are tired of threats and intimidations. We are tired of all the obstacles that make more difficult our action in the struggle for the re-establishment of peace and justice." Perez Esquivel had been invited to Mexico by the Iberoamerican University to speak on "The Evangelical Promise in Latin America."

**BRIEFS**

JAKARTA (AFP) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will arrive here Wednesday for a two-day official visit to Indonesia, it was officially announced Sunday. She will have talks with President Suharto and Vice President Adam Malik during her stay.

RIOT POLICE used tear gas Saturday to drive back thousands of protesters trying to set up a blockade outside one of Holland's two nuclear power plants, officials said. Dutch radio reported that four demonstrators and one policeman were injured in a series of charges against the crowd. Police used a bulldozer to clear the rubble used to build the blockade.

BANGKOK (AFP) — The Vietnamese-backed government in Cambodia Sunday denounced the United Nations General

Assembly vote that upheld the seating of the rival ousted Khmer Rouge government in the world organization Friday.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Indian Army troops evacuated thousands of marooned residents from flood-swept areas in Uttar Pradesh state Saturday as the overflowing Rapti River swamped another 200 villages in the region, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

SALISBURY (AFP) — Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe makes his first official visit this week to Scandinavia, whose countries are doing much to help the new nation find its feet. Mugabe's trip takes him to Denmark (Sept. 21-23), Finland (23-24), Sweden (24-26) and Norway before he flies on to Australia for the Commonwealth summit conference in Melbourne.

**Firm to release Beatles' old song**

LONDON, Sept. 20 (AP) — Officials at EMI Records are thinking of releasing "Please Please My Kitten Alone," the only complete Beatles recording that has never been put on sale, sometime next year, *The Daily Mirror* reported.

The tabloid newspaper said Saturday the song was recorded "in the early 60s but was rejected when the Beatles put together their album 'Please Please Me.'" Since then, the paper said, the recording has been kept under lock and key at EMI Records in London.

The *Mirror* said the record company planned to release the song last year, but shelved the idea when former Beatle John Lennon was shot to death in New York City. No spokesman at EMI was available to comment Saturday. However, the newspaper quoted an unidentified company official as saying, "obviously we would not have released the record at such a time. It would have been totally inappropriate."

"There is other unfinished recorded material of the Beatles which has never been released, but 'Kitten' is the only complete track," the official was quoted as saying.

Tony Brainsby, press spokesman for another of the four Beatles, Paul McCartney, said he "knew nothing about" the song's existence or of the possibility of a new Beatles release. But Brainsby added that any such plans "would have nothing to do with Paul whatsoever."

**Briton wins piano**

LEEDS, England, Sept. 20 (AP) — Ian Hobson of Britain Saturday won the 1981 Leeds International Piano Competition, one of the world's leading musical contests.

The 18-year-old competition, held every three years, is also one of the world's most lucrative for its winners. Hobson's first prize was 60,000 pounds (\$110,400) worth of concert and recording contracts and a Steinway grand piano.

Wolfgang Manz of West Germany was second and Bernard d'Ascoli of France, who is blind, was third. A total of 79 pianists from around the world entered the two-week contest.

Daniel Blumenthal of the United States placed fourth, and fellow American Christopher O'Riley was fifth. Peter Donohoe of Britain came sixth.

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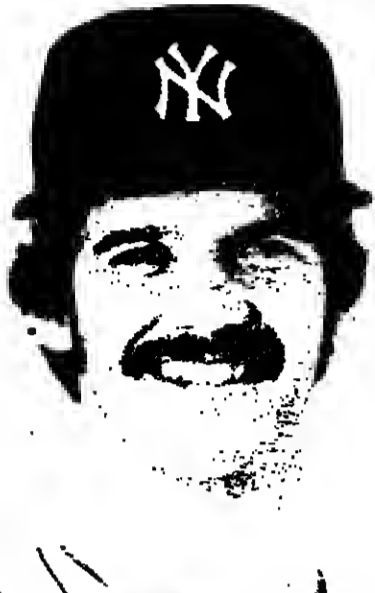
As Rick Miller strikes

# Red Sox stages splendid rally

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP) — Rick Miller capped a seven-run eighth inning off relievers Ron Davis and Dave Laroché with a three-run homer Saturday as the Boston Red Sox staged a dramatic two-out rally for an 8-5 victory over the New York Yankees.

Held to seven hits and one run for seven innings by Ron Guidry and trailing 5-1, the Red Sox erupted after Davis, 3-5, retired the first two batters in the eighth.

The victory snapped the Yankees' nine-game winning streak at Fenway Park since September 1979 and was only their fifth loss in 131 games since the start of the 1980 season when they took the lead into the seventh inning.



Ron Guidry

Carney Lansford singled home one run. Dave Stapleton doubled in another, one more scored on Reggie Jackson's error in right field and Joe Rudi's base hit brought home the fourth tally before Miller hit his rally-capping homer.

John Tudor, 4-3, who replaced Boston starter Mike Torrez in the eighth, got the win with ninth-inning help from Mark Clear, who gained his ninth save.

The Yankees gave Guidry good early support with single runs in each of the first four innings off Torrez, including Bobby Murcer's homer in the third.

Elsewhere in the American League, Champ Summers and Stan Papi homered and Dan Pety hurried eight strong innings to spark the Detroit Tigers to a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Rickey Henderson lined a sacrifice fly to score Dave McKay from third base in the ninth inning and lift Rick Langford and the Oakland A's to a 2-1 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Ernie Whitt snapped a 3-3 tie with a two-run double in the fifth inning and John Mayberry and Ted Cox clubbed home runs as the Toronto Blue Jays beat California 6-4 and handed the Angels their fifth straight loss.

In the National League, Gary Matthews blasted a home run and two singles and knocked in three runs to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to an 8-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Fuhie Brooks' two-run homer in the first inning and Dave Kingman's 20th homer of the season in the sixth powered Pete Falcone to his first victory since Aug. 15 as the New York Mets stopped the St. Louis Cardinals 6-2.

Bill Buckner slugged a two-run triple in the fourth inning and Mike Krukow and Randy

Martz combined on a six-hitter, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Expos. Right-hander Vera Ruble hurled a four-hitter and knocked in two runs as the Houston Astros walloped the San Francisco Giants 8-1.

In night action, Doc Medich retired with a 9-hitter for 72-3 innings and the Texas Rangers right-hander finished with a two-hit, 6-0 shutout over the Minnesota Twins. Neither hit, singles by Sal Butera and Hosken Powell, made it out of the infield. Medich, 9-5, retired the first 15 Minnesota batters, 11 of them on infield grounders.

Gorman Thomas' run-scoring single and a two-run double by Jim Gantner in Milwaukee's four-run eighth inning gave the Brewers a 11-8 victory over the Baltimore Orioles. The triumph enabled the Brewers to maintain their half-game lead over Detroit in the American League East race.



Gary Matthews

## Baseball standings

American League					National League				
West					East				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Milwaukee	24	16	.600	—	St. Louis	21	16	.568	
Detroit	23	16	.590	1.2	Montreal	19	19	.500	
Boston	22	16	.579	1	New York	18	20	.474	
New York	21	17	.553	2	Chicago	17	19	.472	
Baltimore	20	17	.541	2½	Philadelphia	16	21	.432	
Toronto	18	18	.500	4	Pittsburgh	16	22	.421	
Cleveland	18	21	.462	5½					
West					East				
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB		
Kansas City	22	16	.579	—	Houston	25	14	.641	
Oakland	19	17	.528	2	Cincinnati	22	16	.579	
Minnesota	19	20	.487	3½	Los Angeles	22	17	.564	
Texas	16	20	.444	5	San Francisco	21	17	.553	
Chicago	15	23	.395	7	Atlanta	19	19	.500	
Seattle	15	23	.395	7	San Diego	12	28	.300	
California	12	24	.333	9					

Results: Toronto 6, California 4; Detroit 4, Cleveland 3; Oakland 2, Chicago 1; Boston 8, New York 5; Milwaukee 11, Baltimore 8; Texas 6, Minnesota 0; Seattle 4, Kansas City 1.

Results: Chicago 2, Montreal 1; New York 6, St. Louis 2; Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 2; Houston 8, San Francisco 1; Cincinnati 7, Los Angeles 3; San Diego 6, Atlanta 3.

# Ann Kiyomura upsets Bunge

TOKYO, Sept. 20 (AP) — Unranked Ann Kiyomura of the United States defeated third-seeded Bettina Bunge of West Germany 6-4, 7-5, Sunday and won the \$175,000 Toray Sillook Women's Tennis Tournament. Kiyomura, 26, won \$34,000 and Bunge, 18, earned \$18,000.

The third-generation Japanese American from Mountain View, California, took little over an hour to beat Bunge before 3,500 spectators at a Tokyo Olympic Games Gymnasium.

In the day's earlier round, Mimah Jausovec beat Kathy Horvath to receive \$10,500 for finishing third. Horvath got \$8,500 for her fourth place effort in the 32-player tournament.

"I am very happy I have won the title in my fourth try," Kiyomura said. "I feel at home playing in Japan." "My serves were very good," the new champion said when asked. "I played the way I wanted to play."

In a separate press conference, Bunge said: "I had chances to win but Kiyomura played very well Sunday, especially with her return shots. I was a bit tired from Saturday's tough match. I didn't play as well as I did during

Saturday's play against Jausovec."

Kiyomura started the match by breaking Bunge's first serve in the second game after a deuce game and went ahead 2-1.

Kiyomura, scoring her second love game, increased her lead to 3-1. But the West German girl made it 3-3 when she broke Kiyomura in the sixth game with a smashing corner placement at 15-40. After the score stood 4-4, Kiyomura broke Bunge to lead 5-4 and then held her serve to take the first set.

In the second set, Bunge jumped to a quick 3-0 lead. Then Kiyomura, keeping her serve, broke Bunge in the fifth game to narrow the gap 3-2. When the score was 5-5 Kiyomura broke Bunge in the 11th game and held her own to win the match.

In Atlanta, Georgia, top-seeded Susan Rollinson of South Africa battered Ann Hendrickson, 6-2, 6-1, but two seeded players were upset in Saturday's qualifying for the Toyota Tennis Classic.

In the second round of qualifying at the Dunwoody Country Club, No. 6 seed Sheila McInerney was upset 6-3, 6-1, by Kay McDaniel. Unseeded Felicia Hutnick upset eighth-seeded Laura Arraya of Peru, 6-1, 6-4.

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Michigan, Nebraska redeem lost prestige

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP) — Perennial football powerhouses Michigan, Nebraska and Alabama got back on the winning track Saturday following losses a week earlier...

passes of 71 — the fourth longest in Wolverine history — and 15 from quarterfinal Steve Smith to help Michigan run off to a 25-0 lead before Notre Dame managed to score in the fourth quarter.

Alabama coach Paul "Bear" Bryant moved one step closer to the late Amos Alonzo Stagg's career victory mark of 314, gaining his 318th coaching triumph in the Crimson Tide's narrow escape at Kentucky.

early in the third period. Allen later added a 17-yard scoring run. Pittsburgh, 2-0, demolished outmanned Cincinnati behind the throwing of quarterback Dan Marino and a punishing defense...

Nebraska, ranked 17th, ripped No. 19 Florida State, 34-14, while Alabama slipped past upset-minded Kentucky 19-10...

Michigan shredded the Irish defense for 304 yards on the ground and 103 through the air, even though Smith completed only four of 15 passes — Carter caught three for 99 — and had two intercepted.

Alabama took the lead, 12-10, on Peter Kim's fourth field goal on the game with two minutes left. On the ensuing kickoff, Kentucky failed to cover the ball and Alabama's Stan Gay recovered at the Wildcat 21, setting up a 9-yard touchdown by Jeff Fagan with 37 seconds remaining.

Wisconsin, 1-1, trailed only 21-13 at the half, but it did not contest the rest of the way as UCLA pulled away for its second victory of the season.

U.S. outplays Europe for Ryder Cup

LONDON, Sept. 20 (R) — The United States heat Europe 18 1/2 to 9 1/2 at Walton Heath here to retain the Ryder Cup Golf Trophy. The American team, who led 10 1/2 to 5 1/2 overnight, won seven of Sunday's 12 singles matches and halved two to win the cup for the 20th time in 24 contests.

Typical of American finishing power came from Larry Nelson, who only scraped into the side at the last gasp when he won the American PGA title in August. With two more victories, Nelson, who won all five on his debut at Greenbrier two years ago, has now triumphed in eight Ryder Cup matches out of eight.

American captain Dave Marr admitted that he made an error on the first day putting his newcomers together and Trevino suggested the switch, volunteering to partner Pate. "With his body and my head we were almost invincible," said Trevino, adding jokingly: "From the neck down he is the best player in the world."



PROVES HIS METTLE: Fritz von Berg, former hairdresser, who says he is the oldest football player in the nation, celebrated his 51st birthday Saturday by demonstrating that he is physically fit for yet another season.

Weiskopf in driver's seat

ABILENE, Texas, Sept. 20 (AFP) — Tom Weiskopf, who has not won on the United States tour, took a one stroke lead with an aggregate 210 in the \$350,000 Lajet Classic on the par 72 Fairway Oaks golf club Saturday.

Floyd coasted to a round of even par 72 Saturday, then watched a group of challengers fall out of contention as she held on to the lead after three rounds of the Henredon Classic.

Early goal gives Iraq Merdeka trophy

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 20 (AP) — Iraq won the Merdeka Football Tournament Sunday night defeating Sao Paulo selections of Brazil 1-0 in the final match.

The early shock did not dampen the spirit of the Brazilians who immediately retaliated and forced two quick but fruitless corners. The Brazilian defense which cracked often once saw the Iraqis well placed to increase their lead but Hadie Ahmad and Mahpb Abdul Sahab were slow to connect Faizal Aziz's beautiful cross.

The Iraqis playing well the substitute, like his other teammates; found it hard to penetrate their opponents penalty areas. With time ticking away, the Iraqis were more inclined to defend to safeguard their shaky lead while Sao Paulo continued to make numerous but futile raids.

IOC to debate OAU threat

BONN, Sept. 20 (R) — The executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will discuss a black African call for a boycott of sporting events involving the United States, IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said Sunday.

protest followed New Zealand rugby tour of South Africa. Willie Daume, President of the West German National Olympic Committee and organizer of the Baden-Badeo congress, appealed for calm. At the present moment we need calm, not hectic fears.

Taroczy puts Hungary level

AVILES, Spain, Sept. 20 (AFP) — Balazs Taroczy of Hungary put Hungary level 2-2 with Spain in their Davis Cup European Zone "A" final here Sunday, defeating Jose Lopez-Maeso 3-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-3 in the first of the reverse singles.

Jeddah softball

JEDDAH, Sept. 20 — The new softball season gets under way Oct. 17 and looks like being as lively and exciting as last year. Current champions Farsoos Daniels are defending their title and are already being tipped to retain the winners trophy, but Saudi Veterans, runners-up last year, will be looking to knock them off their top spot.

Daume, a member of the IOC, said there was little hope that a South African application to return to the Olympic fold would be accepted. Samaranch, who succeeded Ireland's Lord Killanin as IOC president after the 1980 Moscow Olympics, said he had not been officially informed of the OAU call. "I don't know the official edition. I listened to the radio Saturday but I know nothing officially about the declaration," he added.

BRIEFS

TOURS, (AFP) — Top seed Yannick Noah easily retained his French National Tennis title here Sunday defeating the up-an-coming Thierry Tulasne 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 in the final.

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By Canada, others

# U.S. to seek lifting of investment curbs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP) — The United States will try to reverse other countries' "narrowly nationalistic" investment policies that are distorting the international business climate, a state department official has said.

Robert D. Hormats, assistant secretary of state for economic and business affairs, said the United States will "take steps to protect our rights and interests" but will avoid over-reaction that could damage the international investment economy.

Hormats singled out Canada for harsh criticism, but said a growing list of countries are manipulating foreign investment through tax and credit incentives and performance requirements aimed at "shifting production to the host country on a non-economic basis."

"This is leading to the development of unique bargaining situations in which the economic interests of the capital exporting countries may be ignored and trade and investment flows are distorted," he said.

Hormats told the economic policy council of the United Nations Association at a meeting Friday night that he was surprised that

Canada, "a major developed country, provider and host for so much international development, would adopt such nationalistic and short-sighted policies."

He complained that Canada recently required one U.S. firm seeking to invest there to promise to bank only Canadian banks and use only Canadian advertising and public accounting firms. Another potential investor had to promise to buy a certain percentage of its supplies from Canadian suppliers, and pressure was placed on a third company to move certain manufacturing operations from the United States to Canada, Hormats said.

"Such policies, if unchallenged, are likely to encourage other countries to adopt, or increasingly resort to, similar measures," he said. "Canadian firms will not be immune to the counter-effects of such measures."

Hormats did not say in his speech Friday night what steps are being considered, "basically what we'd like to do is to try to put together a set of understandings with individual countries so that these things wouldn't keep cropping up," he said in an interview Saturday.



WORLD'S FASTEST TRAINS: Three TGV high speed trains are on their tracks Thursday ready to depart at the train checking station of Villeneuve St. Georges where the last trials are being carried out before the inaugural trip Tuesday with French President Francois Mitterrand. The TGV will carry 386 passengers at a maximum speed of 260 kilometers per hour in the beginning.

## Japanese set work record

TOKYO, Sept. 20 (AFP) — While most other industrialized nations were intent on trying to reduce working hours, the ultra-industrious Japanese last year were toiling even longer hours than in the past.

Despite a directive from the labor ministry to allow salaried workers more leisure, the average working week in Japan in 1981 reached a record 41 hours 53 minutes — fully three minutes longer than in the previous year, according to the ministry's statistics just published here.

Those three extra working minutes were largely logged up by employees in two sectors: Medium-sized concerns, with between 100 and 1,000 on the pay roll, and smaller firms, with less than 100 employees, the statistics show.

In the medium-sized sector, the average working week last year was 42 hours 39 minutes — four minutes more than in 1980 — while in the small-firm sector it was 45 hours and one minute, an increase of two minutes over the previous year.

It is in this teeming small-firm sector, which makes a major contribution to the national economy, that unions see the length of the working week as the most disquieting.

For though only two percent of employees in the large-firm sector work more than the legally permissible 47-hour working week, the figure in the medium sector is 18 percent and 40 percent in the small sector. Similarly,

90 percent of large firms have introduced a five-day week — against 63 percent in the medium sector and only 40 percent in the small-firm sector.

The ministry's figures show, moreover, that the statutory paid vacation to which workers were entitled, was on average 14.4 days in 1980 — while in practice the average time taken turned out to be a mere 8.8 days.

The proportion of working hours lost through absenteeism, too, was no more than six percent last year, a figure the ministry suggested was probably the lowest in the world.

Finally, as a logical corollary to these figures, it emerges from the ministry's findings that it is extremely "difficult" to make Japanese employees take the vacations.

Not do the statistics take account of the amount of paid overtime hours worked last year — so staggering in fact, that criticism from Western countries has led the government to order a special report from the labor ministry on the subject, to be followed up by a set of remedial guidelines by next May.

Though the law at present limits overtime worked by women to two hours a day, six hours per week, and 150 hours per year, there is no legal ceiling on the amount of overtime that men may perform. The only stipulation being that the work be paid at a supplementary rate of 25 percent over the normal wage scale.

## An engineering marvel

# Mitterrand to flag off world's fastest train

PARIS, Sept. 20 (AFP) — The fastest express passenger train in the world — "Train a Grande Vitesse" (TGV) — will be inaugurated by President Francois Mitterrand next Tuesday on the 429-km (267-mile) Paris-Lyons route.

The TGV, as it is known both here and abroad in rail circles, has an average speed of 260 km (156 miles) per hour and will link the capital with Lyons, France's second largest city, in two hours and 40 minutes.

The TGV service will start operating commercially Sunday, Sept. 27, climaxing 15 years of work and planning at a cost of an estimated 10,500 million francs (\$1.8 billion).

The rolling stock alone cost 4,100 million francs (\$745 million). It includes 87 complete express trains made up of two locomotives and eight carriages. Each train can carry 386 passengers. The TGV is rightly considered an engineering marvel equivalent to the European "Airbus," and its aim is also fast and inexpensive travel.

Figures show that the seat-kilometer oper-

ational cost works out at 12.5 francs (2.2 dollars) for the normal express train, 16.8 francs (\$3) for the TGV, 88 francs (\$16) for a commercial airliner. The Paris-Lyons rail, road and air passenger route is the densest in France, and one of the busiest in Europe.

The present rail service carries 40 percent of the country's train passengers and has reached saturation point — by conventional methods. The TGV is in line with recent developments in railway operations which began with the inauguration in Japan in 1964 of the "Tokaido" Express, known today as the "Shinkansen Bullet train". It has an average speed of 210 km per hour (126 mph).

Meanwhile, West German engineers are studying plans for an express train reaching speeds of 400 km per hour (240 mph). But they are not nearly as ambitious as American engineers who plan a 4,000-km (2,400-mile) vacuum tunnel rail route from New York to Los Angeles.

With resistance from air eliminated, a super express train hurtling along at an average speed of 8,000 kms (4,800 miles) per hour travel the coast-to-coast route in half an hour.

But this project lies very much in the future, and would cost enormous sums. While French rail engineers have not reached these dizzy heights, last Feb. 26 their Paris-Lyons TGV express train — the same which will be used by President Mitterrand on his inaugural trip — scored world speed record at 380 km per hour and the French have plans to extend their TGV to the rest of Europe.

The TGV will inaugurate its international service Thursday, Sept. 24, from Paris to Geneva, its first foreign destination. West Germany and Belgium are both interested in the TGV project, while plans are going ahead to extend the TGV service within France.

Newsman who have made trial trips on the train compare it favorably with the comforts of flying. The Paris-Lyons rail trip is certainly faster than by air, for time is lost getting to and from the airports. (Meanwhile, the world's oldest locomotive able to run, named the "John Bull", was last Monday taken out of Washington's Smithsonian Museum to steam along at a proud 30 miles (50kms) per hour. It was built in 1831.)

# OPEC fund lends Turkey \$25 million

VIENNA, Sept. 20 (R) — The OPEC Fund for International Development has approved loans worth more than \$60 million for Turkey and three developing countries: the Vienna-based fund said Sunday.

The fund of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries will lend Turkey \$25 million in balance of payments support, while Morocco will receive \$15 million, Costa Rica \$13.4 million and Burundi \$7 million.

The loans were approved Saturday at a meeting of the governing board, it said, but gave no details of the terms of the arrangements.

# Bangladesh bans bank staff unions

DACCA, Sept. 20 (R) — The Bangladesh government has banned the unions of State Bank employees as part of its drive to end an illegal strike that has virtually stopped all banking services in the country.

The labor directorate announced the ban Saturday, saying bank staff, who had been on strike for 10 days, had broken the labor law. Officials said more than 2,000 of the 70,000 employees involved in the strike had been removed from the banking service and an unspecified number arrested.

The strike began after the arrest of six union officials alleged to have tried to call an indefinite stoppage to back demands for more pay and better conditions. The government said between 50 to 70 percent of the strikers had returned to work.

# 3 drilling rigs commissioned

SINGAPORE, Sept. 19 (AFP) — An American drilling firm, Zapata offshore company, made history Saturday when it christened three jackup drilling rigs in the world's first triple commissioning event.

The colorful ceremony was held in two stages — at the Far East Livingston shipyard where two rigs were christened, and then at nearby Proment shipyard where the other rig was christened.

The three rigs — Zapata Heritage, Zapata Sovereign and Zapata Scotian — cost \$125 million.

Zapata Scotian, one of the world's largest jackups in terms of storage, capacity and structural strength, will work near Sable Island off Canada.

Zapata Heritage and Zapata Sovereign are moderate environment jackup rigs, Zapata Heritage will begin a two-year contract in the Java Sea, while Zapata Sovereign will be towed to the Gulf where it will begin drilling under a four-year contract.



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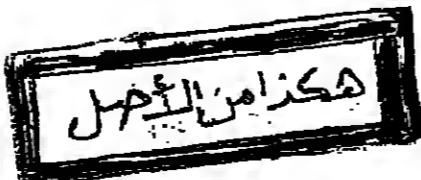
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# Church supports Solidarity on media

WARSAW, Sept. 20 (Agencies) — Poland's Roman Catholic church publicly sided with Solidarity trade union Sunday in its battle for access to the Communist-controlled mass media. In a message read from pulpits in churches throughout the country, Polish bishops said the media should belong to all and not be the preserve of ideology or social group.

"It is inadmissible to limit freedom of expression merely because the views expressed contain truths which are inconvenient for or in discord with the conceptions of certain groups," the message said. The bishops did not explicitly refer to the 10-million-strong pro-Catholic Solidarity movements but the timing of their message appeared significant.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa met Friday with Polish primate Jozef Glemp, union sources in Gdansk said. Walesa was accompanied by two Catholic intellectuals who are also union advisors, Tabusz Mazowiecki, editor in chief of the weekly union newspaper *Solidarnosc*, and Andrzej Wielowiecki, editor in chief of a Catholic magazine.

There was no indication on the nature of the talks. But it was thought they centered on preparations for Solidarity's second congress and Pope John Paul II's recent encyclical recommending that unions should not act politically. It was also learned that the Polish primate met Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz Saturday.

Solidarity has in recent days been condemned throughout the Soviet bloc and attacked by the Communist rulers in Poland. The attacks were prompted by a stern warning from Moscow following the first of Solidarity's national congress in which the movement called for free elections and expressed support for free trade unionism elsewhere in Communist Europe, the second phase is scheduled to begin Saturday.

Pressure is expected to continue this week to persuade Solidarity to temper radicalism before the next session. The Sejm (parliament) is scheduled to meet and a Communist Party central committee plenary session may also be held.

National television has stepped up a campaign against what it calls Solidarity's political ambitions. A group of young soldiers was shown on TV Saturday night condemning the movements' "counter revolutionary" stance.

Solidarity has not yet formally reacted to the Kremlin letter containing the Soviet warning. Union leaders are due to meet Monday or Tuesday to consider the matter.

The union's demands for some control over reports of its activities in the mass media have drawn accusations that it is seeking to usurp political power from the Communists. It denies the charges. Solidarity barred national television from the first part of its congress in Gdansk earlier this month after the authorities refused to give the union some editorial control over the coverage.

Coverage of the second part of the congress is expected to cause more friction in the next few days. The official news agency PAP reported that the supply of food and basic consumer goods was worsening throughout Poland. The government has already issued a warning that the economy could collapse.

"Signals from many regions of the country report worsening supplies of meat and its products, washing power, soap, industrial goods, shoes and other articles," PAP said. The agency said that bread consumption had increased, despite recent price rises of up to 50 percent.

Meanwhile East Germany's state media mounted a new campaign Sunday apparently aimed at discrediting Solidarity in the eyes of ordinary East Germans by blaming the independent union for Poland's crisis.

East Germany's official ADN news agency distributed four lengthy articles and commentaries, including some from Communist organs in Prague and Moscow, sharply criticized developments in Poland.



THE JAWS: A New York youth holds open the jaws of a three-meter-long shark found in a street Saturday as policemen prepare to remove the carcass.

## Over steel industry finance Belgian cabinet may fall

BRUSSELS, Sept. 20 (R) — Belgium's five-month-old coalition government could fall Monday in a dispute over financial aid to the steel industry, political sources said Sunday. The fate of Prime Minister Mark Eyskens' center-left government will be decided at a cabinet meeting.

The dispute involves Eyskens' Social Christians and the Socialists, two of the four parties in the coalition. The Socialist ministers demand an immediate solution to the problem of financing the newly merged Cockerill-Sambre steel giant based in the Liege-Charleroi area, a Socialist stronghold.

Private banks, already owed \$750,000 million by Cockerill-Sambre, refused to give the company more money last week. As a condition for further aid, the banks asked that existing and future loans should be guaranteed by the state, a demand which the government rejected.

Socialist Party leader Guy Spitaels said on television Sunday that retaliatory measures should be taken against the private banks although he thought nationalizing them would be too drastic. The Socialists now want the extra \$330 million needed to be funded by semi-government commercial institutions and foreign borrowing.

Spitaels said the Socialist Ministers would maintain the same attitude Monday as at last Friday's cabinet meeting when they refused to attend other government business until the question of aid to the steel industry was settled. Eyskens said Friday that members of the government who consistently refused to carry out their duties would put themselves outside the government.

## Bonn to propose European union

BONN, Sept. 20 (AFP) — West Germany is to ask other Common Market countries to draw up a "European act" to pave the way toward a European political union, diplomatic sources here said Sunday.

The document would set down the European partners' wish for a European union, but, in Bonn's view, would not take the form of a treaty to be ratified by the 10 members of the European Economic Community, sources said.

The West German cabinet authorized Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Friday to negotiate with other EEC countries on "a fundamental political declaration for a European union". Reports said the initiative was well received, particularly by the Italian government.

**Cheysson to tour U.S.**

PARIS, Sept. 20 (AFP) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson left Paris Sunday for New York for a week-long official visit to the United States. Cheysson will also attend the United Nations General Assembly.



Belgian Premier Mark Eyskens

## 12 Polish hijackers to stand trial

BERLIN, Sept. 20 (AP) — A magistrate has ordered 12 young Poles to stand trial on charges stemming from last week's hijacking of a Polish airliner from West Berlin, it was announced Sunday.

The nine men and three women, ranging in age from 17 to 22 years, were ordered jailed pending trial on charges of endangering air transport and hostage taking. They could receive prison terms of up to 15 years if convicted of the charges.

The nine men and three women told the magistrate they commandeered the Lot airlines plane on a domestic flight Friday because they were dissatisfied with political and economic conditions in their homeland.

Although Poles have a relatively easier time obtaining permission to travel to the West than other Soviet bloc citizens, some of the men in the group were unable to leave the country legally because they faced military service, court sources said.

The hijackers used knives and broken bottles to force the pilot to change course for Berlin about 10 minutes before he was to have landed in Warsaw on a flight from Katowice, U.S. and German officials said. In addition to the hijackers, the plane carried 33 other passengers and a crew of four, the airline said.

Two Hungarians and four Poles, including a married couple and their 4-year-old son, decided to remain in the West and ask for political asylum, police said. Three Swedes and one American also stayed behind when the plane returned to Warsaw about 10 hours later. Two other young Poles are in jail awaiting trial for hijacking planes in July and August, and a third, Andrzej Perka, is serving a 4-year-term for the December incident.

## 3 die, several missing in U.K. storm

LONDON, Sept. 20 (AFP) — Three persons died at sea and several more are missing following a storm that swept over Britain Saturday night, British Coast Guards reported the drowning of a fisherman and a man on an inflatable raft. A lone yachtsman died of a heart attack off the Welsh coast and several other people were reported missing after sending distress signals.

Rescue services were searching for a French seaman who disappeared when the trawler *Le Chamois* sank 88 kms south of Cornwall. The other five crew members were rescued by a French freighter. The storm built up suddenly Saturday night, with winds reaching speeds of 130 kms an hour on the coast and 80 kms an hour in London.

# Ulster group warns of death campaign

BELFAST, Sept. 20 (AP) — An anonymous telephone caller claiming to be a member of the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) warned Sunday the Protestant terrorist group has launched a new campaign to assassinate Roman Catholics. A police spokesman said authorities are taking the claim seriously. It was made to the British Broadcasting Corp. office in Belfast.

The warning followed the slaying Saturday of 23-year-old Catholic hairdresser Eugene Mulholland, a married man with two children, by gunmen in Belfast's Ormeau Road district. A police spokesman said the killing "has all the hallmarks of a random sectarian shooting."

The caller claimed Mulholland was shot by the UFF, blamed by authorities for the murder of scores of Catholics in recent years. The Ormeau Road quarter was a killing ground in an "eye for an eye" vendetta between rival Protestant and Catholic death squads a few years ago. More than 250 persons were slain in the sectarian blood feud that faded out in 1974.

The caller claimed Mulholland worked with the almost exclusively Catholic guerrillas of the outlawed Irish Republican Army's "Provisional" wing. The dead man's family denied that. His brother, Joe, told reporters: "He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Sunday's warning heightened fears of a new spasm of sectarian assassinations in Northern Ireland. Police believe Protestant extremists have killed at least four Catholics in recent weeks and wounded several more.

The shootings came amid growing anger among the province's million-strong Protestant majority over the failure of security forces to halt attacks by guerrillas of the IRA and the splinter Irish National Liberation Army.

The IRA is fighting to end British rule in this Protestant-dominated province. It seeks to reunite Northern Ireland with the Catholic Irish Republic. The pro-British Protestants oppose ending partition imposed in 1921.

**Polish envoy seeks asylum**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Sept. 20 (Agencies) — The Swedish Foreign Ministry has confirmed that a Polish diplomat has sought asylum in Sweden, the Swedish news agency TT reported Sunday. Wit Wojtowicz, first secretary at the Polish Embassy in Stockholm, has requested asylum in Sweden for himself and his family, Polish radio reported Saturday night, according to TT.

The Swedish Foreign Ministry later confirmed that a Polish diplomat has sought asylum in Sweden for political reasons, but declined to specify what the reasons were. No comment was available from the Polish Embassy here Saturday night, TT said.

In an unrelated incident, a Swedish psychiatric patient headed aboard a light aircraft into Soviet airspace Sunday and was forced to land by Soviet interceptors, reports here said. According to the Stockholm's *Svenska Press* the 45-year-old Swede, a licensed pilot, hired a Cessna 172 for a joyride over the capital Sunday.

But after an impeccable take-off the plane veered away over the Baltic. By the time two scrambled Swedish fighters took up the chase two Soviet interceptors were "persuading" the lone flier to land at Riga airport, the reports said.

# Against Catholics

A 6-month-old hunger strike by convicted IRA and INLA guerrillas in the Maze Prison near Belfast has deepened polarization of Northern Ireland's two feuding communities. Ten guerrillas have died on the fast that has increased support for the IRA among the province's half-million Catholics. Seven other prisoners are currently refusing food.

They are seeking special prison privileges that the British government refuse to concede. Loodoo claims they amount to prisoner-of-war status that would accord the IRA political legitimacy. Sinn Fein, the IRA's political front, said Sunday another jailed IRA man will join the hunger strike Monday, replacing INLA guerrilla Micky Devine, who died Aug. 20 on the 60th day of his fast.

In London, 60 relatives of the current hunger strikers and those who have died on the fast walked out of an audience with cardinal Basil Hume, Catholic primate of England, after he refused to support their meager demands for prison privileges.

Hume instead told them: "I beg you to open your hearts and your minds and to realize that bloodshed of the past decade has caused grief to many people like you. Many families in this country as in Northern Ireland, Protestant as well as Catholic...are grieving and mourning for one who in life was greatly treasured."

At least 2,142 persons, including nearly 350 British soldiers, have been killed in Northern Ireland since August, 1969. Another 65 persons have been killed in spillover violence on the British mainland, nearly all by IRA gunmen. The hunger strikers' relatives Sunday wound up a four-day visit to London lobbying for support for the Maze fast. They later staged a black flag vigil outside Westminster cathedral in London.



# Namibia talks start today

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 20 (R) — South African government officials were tipped Sunday on a hurriedly arranged visit of officials to Zurich to discuss independence proposals for Namibia (Southwest Africa).

There was no official announcement on the departure of Foreign Affairs Director-General Brand Fourie, South Africa's chief Namibian negotiator, for Monday's meeting with the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, Chester Crocker. Several newspapers reported, however, that he had secretly left Johannesburg Friday and would head a delegation including the ambassador to the United Nations, Riaan Esterhuizen, and Namibia Administrator-General Dani Hough.

Asked about the talks, Foreign Minister Pik Botha declined to comment directly, but said: "It is to be expected discussions would take place between the various parties involved, which would include South Africa and members of the contact group." The "contact group" comprising the United States, Britain, France, Canada, and West Germany, has been negotiating for nearly four years with South Africa on its disputed rule over Namibia.

The contact group's foreign ministers are due to meet at the United Nations in New York Thursday. Several African newspapers Saturday reported that Fourie would seek clarification from Crocker on certain points of new U.S. proposals, which include a Namibia target independence date of Jan. 1, 1983.

Hough and Dirkidge, the territory's white political leader, spent Friday in Cape Town holding private talks with Botha and Prime Minister P.M. Botha. The sudden flurry of activity on the Namibia issue follows a major South African military operation across the Namibian border into Angola.

During the operation, South African forces said they killed about 1,000 Angolan troops and guerrillas of the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) fighting Pretoria's rule over the sparsely populated but mineral-rich territory. Diplomatic sources said effective U.S. leadership of the contact group encouraged chances of a settlement as

South Africa was keen to bolster its improved relations with the United States under the Reagan administration. Relations were had under the Carter administration.

Meanwhile, SWAPO leader Sam Nujoma has denied South African charges that Cuban or Soviet troops are fighting alongside his nationalist guerrillas in their bush war for the independence of Namibia. The Angolan news agency Angop said Nujoma issued the denial at a press conference in neighboring Angola Friday.

Speaking at the SWAPO refugee camp at Cabuta, near Calulo, Nujoma said: "The Pretoria regime will not be destroyed by troops coming from outside, but by forces fighting against colonialism, racism and fascism within Namibia."

The South African armed forces have said they killed a number of Soviet soldiers fighting with SWAPO and captured a Soviet warrant officer during a massive incursion into southern Angola, launched last month.

# Sikh leader's arrest leads to Indian rioting

NEW DELHI, Sept. 20 (AP) — A Sikh community leader surrendered to the police Sunday after evading arrest for a week by taking refuge in his temple in the northern Indian state of Punjab, the United News of India reported.

Sant Jarnal Singh Bhindranwale, identified with political extremists demanding an independent "Khalistan" or homeland for India's 13 million Sikhs, is suspected by the Punjab government of masterminding the assassination of Sept. 9 of Lala Jagat Narain, a leading Hindu newspaper editor of the predominantly Sikh state.

Soon after Bhindranwale was taken into custody, some of the 50,000 armed supporters camping around his temple turned violent, attacking the large police force present at the site and setting fire to police jeeps, UNI said. Six persons were shot to death by police after the violent mob chopped off the hand of a policeman and burned down a nearby police encampment, the agency reported.

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